

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**CUSTOMER NO. 22927**

**Applicants:** Walker et al.  
**Application No.:** 10/685,143  
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**Title:** METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OUTPUTTING A MESSAGE AT A GAME MACHINE  
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**Examiner:** LEIVA, Frank M.

**AMENDMENT and RESPONSE**  
**to the Final Office Action mailed December 18, 2006**

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Dear Examiner:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 18, 2006, please consider the following remarks.